

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 84, "Financial Incentives for National Board Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

Recent legislation reinstated the financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) that had been phased out by previous legislation in 2007. Any Iowa teacher who registered for such certification after December 31, 2007, now qualifies for the reimbursement award under rule 281—84.3(256) and annual award under rule 281—84.4(256).

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the August 22, 2012, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0301C**. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2012. A public hearing was held on that date; no person attended. No written or oral comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, sections 29 and 30.

These amendments shall become effective January 16, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 281—84.1(256) as follows:

281—84.1(256) Purpose. National Board Certification (NBC) is available to teachers nationwide and requires candidates to demonstrate their teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. NBC teachers enhance the educational experience of their students and motivate fellow teachers toward excellence in classroom teaching. These rules implement the two financial incentive pilot programs enacted by the Iowa legislature to increase the number of NBC teachers in Iowa.

~~NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44, the financial incentives for NBC teachers are available only to teachers who registered for National Board Certification on or before December 31, 2007. Funds are available to honor the registration reimbursements in rule 84.3(256) and the annual awards in rule 84.4(256) for eligible individuals.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 84.3(1) as follows:

84.3(1) Eligibility. Teachers who registered with NBPTS after December 31, 2007, but before July 1, 2012, shall apply to the department by May 1, 2013. All other teachers seeking reimbursement shall apply to the department within one year of registration with NBPTS. Teachers eligible for the registration fee reimbursement program shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a. to d. No change.

e. The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration. ~~The teacher must have registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007.~~

f. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 84.4(1) as follows:

84.4(1) Eligibility. In addition to having registered with NBPTS ~~no later than December 31, 2007,~~ and achieving certification within NBPTS-established timelines and policies, individuals eligible for the NBC annual award shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a. to h. No change.

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